

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 794

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Janelle Turner on being named  
an Horatio Alger Scholar.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Janelle Turner is one such person, a student at Memphis Craigmont High School, who was recently named as an Horatio Alger Scholar; and

WHEREAS, each year the National Horatio Alger Association seeks to honor those special students who excel through scholarship, integrity and dedication, and demonstrate a commitment to hard work and an ability to overcome hardship; and

WHEREAS, even in college, these scholars must continue to demonstrate the ideals of good citizenship and hard work and must maintain a high grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Janelle was one of a few students from the state of Tennessee to be nominated for the prestigious scholarship; and

WHEREAS, as one of two Horatio Alger Schools of Excellence in Tennessee, Craigmont High was awarded a \$5,000 grant to host an Horatio Alger Youth Seminar, designed to instill students with confidence about their capabilities and their futures, promote interest in and

understanding of the free enterprise system, provide students with outstanding role models who exemplify the Horatio Alger goal of triumphing over adversity and achieving success, and recognize the Horatio Alger National Scholarship recipient; and

WHEREAS, along with being awarded a college scholarship for being named an Horatio Alger Scholar, Ms. Turner will travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the Horatio Alger seminar and to meet with other National Scholars, as well as being eligible for additional scholarships through the Association's State Scholarship and Student Achievement Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, Janelle is ranked third in her class with a 4.91 GPA; she has been a William H. Sweet Honors Award recipient for six consecutive years, a National Achievement Finalist, a National Ventures Scholar, and was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Janelle Turner has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of our country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner has contributed her time and prodigious talents as a member of Interact, the National Honor Society, the French Club, the International Studies Club, the Ambassador Corps, the Environmental Club, Bridge Builders, and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, a future Nursing major at the University of Memphis, Janelle's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a source of great pride for her mother, Geneva T. Turner; her sister, Gena Granger; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Janelle's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Ms. Janelle Turner on being named an Horatio Alger Scholar, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.